

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. : 52
(To be answered on the 13th December 2018)**

SAFETY AUDIT PLAN

***52. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA**

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government is aware about dropping of cabin pressure in a flight to Jaipur causing bleeding from nose and ear to 30 passengers and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the safety audit of scheduled airlines and airports has not been done regularly and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is true that there is no comprehensive safety audit plan in existence currently;
- (d) if so, whether the Government will prepare safety audit plan to avoid accidents; and
- (e) if so, the time by which the same will be prepared?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred in reply to Part (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Ques. No. 52 regarding "Safety Audit Plan" to be answered on 13.12.2018.

(a) A Mumbai-Jaipur Jet Airways flight on 20.09.2018 was involved in an incident of loss of cabin pressure causing bleeding from nose to five passengers. The occurrence has been treated as a serious incident and is being investigated by the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB).

(b) The regulatory audits of scheduled airlines and airports are carried out as per the DGCA Annual Surveillance plan. The regulatory audit/ surveillance is carried out to promote conformance with the aviation regulations and standards which collectively prescribe an acceptance level of aviation safety. It also ensures that the audit policies and procedures are applied uniformly across the country.

(c) to (e) The Directorate general of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has comprehensive Safety Audit in place as per the mandate of ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organization). The regulatory audit is always planned before the beginning of the year and this Annual Surveillance plan prepared by DGCA is also uploaded on DGCA website for public information. In addition, special audits are also carried depending upon the safety issues. The safety oversight system of DGCA is also audited by ICAO from time to time. The last audit of DGCA was carried out by ICAO in November 2018, which did not reveal any major safety concerns.
